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#### DEMOCRATIC CAUCUSES.

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will hold a caucus at the township thing and others go right out into house Wednesday, April 17, at 7 p. m. in reference to the selection of a cen- my" Cox is stated for the nomination. tral committeeman and delegates at the coming county primary.

The Democrats of Pike township will hold a caucus at the township 7 to 8 o'clock p. m. in reference to him. He's been arriving on schedule the selection of a central committee- ever since men and delegates at the coming county primary.

The Democrats of Morris Township will hold a caucus at the Township house Wednesday, April 17, at 7 p. m. for the gubernatorial nomination in possibilities ahead. He accepted the in reference to the selection of a cen tral committeeman and delegates a the coming county primary.

#### DEMOCRATIC COUNTY CONVENTION

To Select Delegates to the State, Cir cuit Judicial, Common Pleas Ju dicial and Senatorial Conventions

The delegates elected in the severa townships and wards in Knox county at the primary held May 21, 1912, will mee in a county convention at the Cour House in Mt. Vernon, O., on

#### Saturday, June 1, 1912, at 1 O'Clock, P. M.

represent the Democracy of Knox county in the state convention, circuit judicial convention common pleas judicial convention and senatorial convention, as follows Eight delegates and eight alternates to

the Democratic state convention to be held at Toledo, O., June 4 and 5. Eight delegates and eight alternates to the circuit judicial convention to be held

at Canton, O., June 27 Forty delegates and forty alternates to the common pleas judicial convention to be held at Newark, O., July 5.

Forty delegates and forty alternates to Mt. Vernon, O. June 11.

The several townships entitled to the numb er of delegat

munty convention as follows: Brown Clay Precinct A Precinct B First Ward A. First Ward B Second Ward A Second Ward B Third Ward A Third Ward B Pourth Ward O Harrison

> Jackson Jefferson Middlebury Milford Miller Margan Morris Pleasant

By order of the Democratic County Cer JOHN CUNNINGHAM.

Willis Bebout. Secy. Pro Tem.

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#### OBITUARY

James Tolbert Rockwell

James Tolbert Rockwell was born Aug. 18th, 1843, at Chambersburg, tariff bill. He wasted little time in Penn., and departed this life Apr. 11th, 1912, aged 68 years 8 months and 7 days. He was united in Marriage to Angie Lepley July 30th, 1870, who survives blm.

To this union was born four children, Frank, Fred, Mrs. Ada Hagans and Mrs. Maude Jones all of whom dren, with other relatives and friends to mourn his departure.

#### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank out friends and neighbors during the sickness and at the time of the death of our husband und father.

Mrs. Angie Rockwell and family.

## HOW FAME AND FORTUNE CAME TO POOR OHIO BOY

By SLOANE GORDON IN HAMP TON'S MAGAZINE.

story about Congressman James M. Cox of Dayton. The story is from the pen of Sloane Gordon, the noted magazine writer. The major portion

And now they say that James M. house Wednesday, April 17, at 7 p. m. Cox, M. C .- "Jimmy" Cox, if you in reference to the selection of a cen- please-is to be the next Democratic tral committeeman and delegates at candidate for governor of Ohio. "They" are the supposedly wise ones

in Ohio politics. Some moan with The Democrats of College township pain at the very thought of such a the highway and give cheers. "Jim-He is also, according to the wise-

acres who feel the political pulse and record the political temperature, on the cards for election. Which wouldn't be at all surprising, for Destiny put a special delivery stamp house on Wednesday, April 17, from on this man the first time she mailed

With which few remarks it is propform the ignorant that James M. Cox is about the livest and most interesting Buckeye now in public view.

In the current number of the re- down. And Uncle Joe said this in juvenated Hampton's Magazine there face of the fact that Mr. Cox's views appears a clever and interesting on tariff are not the Cannon views by a large majority.

Once upon a time, not so many years ago, James M. Cox was a country schoolteacher. He was born and raised in the village of Jacksonboro. O., and it was in a schoolhouse near that settlement that he first taught "Jimmy" was in his teens then and experienced great difficulty in sitting still. He still has trouble that way.

A Classy Reporter. "Jimmy" didn't stick to schoolteaching long. It was too tame. His brother-in-law, John Q. Baker, owned a daily newspaper in Middletown, O It was a perfectly reliable paper, but outside of the editorial column, which was presided over by the classically educated Baker, didn't run much to intellectuals. Cox used to tell Baker about it. He insisted that the news columns needed a little more class some big words, some humor, some pathos, some ginger and some headlines. Otherwise, he opined, the Sig nal might do.

"Come over and take the rejuvenaer to pass the preliminaries and in- tion job," said Baker, "and I'll give you ten dollars a week." That wasn't much of an improve

ment, in a financial way, over the In addition he is, as hinted, slated teaching business; but "Jimmy" saw



#### JAMES M. COX.

Ohio this year to succeed Judson

Cox first appeared in Washington as a member of congress three years | was to make each item a classic. ago. He was new as a member but old in Washington experience. A few cobwels were brushed ruthlessly from the sacred surface of tradition early during the extraordinary session of congress in 1909 when a young chap arose in his seat, said "Mr. Speaker." paused-and was recognized by "Uncle Joe" Cannon, "Who's the kid?" a venerable and

moss-grown cak in the forest of statesmanship inquired The ancients of the house are inclined to resent the audacity of a new member who comes speech-laden. Thomas B. Reed once remarked that "when a new congressman makes a speech he usually subtracts from the sum of human knowledge.

Cox Said Something. "Mr. Speaker and gentlemen," continued the young man as if such a thing as custom and tradition were same track. The Cincinnati Enquirer of no consequence. Then he launched forth into a discussion of the Payne preliminaries. Getting warmed up to his subject, he began pointing out specific incongruitles in the proposed measure

The elder statesmen began to take indifference and disapproval, sauntered leisurely toward the cloakroom. the strat Cincinnati morning paper survive. He also leaves two sisters disapproval he walks slowly to the couldn't send his accept by teleand three brothers, four grandchild cloakroom. There are instances of speeches being delivered in the presthing. Mr. Cox knew what he was with his history, appeared in that

"The youngster's all right," comtalking about.

place and was up at 5 o'clock the next morning gathering items and whipping them into shape. His idea The literary style was vastly im-

proved. Strange words began to creep into print. The two compositors began to shy at Cox's copy There is no fun in "setting up" such words as "idiosyncrasies," "quidnuncs," "disproportionableness" "pusillanimous.' It is related that one of the new reporter's closest companions was an unabridged dictionary. Whenever "Jimmy" found a word that looked good in print he studied out just what it meant and then hustled up an item that he could fit it into.

But still James yearned for larger One night Old Man Opportufields. nity called and found him on the job. There was a big railroad wreck at Heno, a little station near Middletown. An excursion train and a freight train tried to pass on the correspondent was out of town and had asked Cox to guard his inter-When he heard of the wreck Cox ran all the way to Heno and preempted the only available wire to Cincinnati by clipping a half page from an old newspaper and tele graphing the words in it into the notice. Some of them, to show their Enquirer office with an explanatory note. When the correspondent of When a congressman wishes to show reached the some he found that he graph. No telephone was available Cox was master of the situation. As ence of eight members and the speak- a result, the Cincinnati Enquirer, on er. But when "Jimmy" Cox spoke, a the following morning, contained an goodly portion of the membership, exclusive account of the biggest railthough conderning his disregard for road wreck that had occurred in Ohio the alleged proprieties, remained to in a dozen years. The name of every listen. Incidentally they heard some- person killed or injured, together

That day Cox received a telegram mented Uncle Joe when Cox gat of congratulation and an offer of a

position on the Enquirer staff. He accepted and for three years was railroad editor. One day he startled the office by resigning. He had accepted the position of private secretary to Congressman Paul J. Sorg. who had just been elected to congress from the district which Cox now represents. Sorg was a multimillion-aire tobacco manufacturer and he liked hustlers. He remembered how "Jimmy" had revolutionized Middletown journalism.

After Mr. Sorg's voluntary retire ment from congress. Cox cast about for a newspaper opening. He wanted a paper of his own. The Dayton News was in a moribund condition. It seemed to be hopelessly anaemic. There was neither style, influence nor merit of any kind to recommend

"Cox will go up like a balloon," chuckled the wiseacres when it became known that he had borrowed enough money to take over the "poor

While the rival publishers in Dayton were listening for the swan song of the News, Cox caused consternstion by doubling his advertising rates. He didnt get much business for a while, but finally the advertisers came his way and he prospered and grew fat. One day he made the announcement that he had pur chased the Press Republic, a morning Republican newspaper in Springfield, O., 20 miles north of Dayton. That caused a large guffaw. His Dayton paper was Democratic, The Springfield paper was ardently Republican. The city and the county is Republican.

Predictions were freely made that the venture would strike a reef and founder. The old-line Republicans of founder. The old-line Republicans of Clark county canceled their subscriptions. Circulation waned. But Cox weathered the storm dashed back and forth from Dayton to Springfield in an automobile, told critics to mind their own business and made the Springfield News as big a success, proportionately, as the Dayton News. And as a result, "Jimmy" Cox acquired much negotiable money and began to wear shirts with embroid ered monograms on the sleeves,

Cox's Opportunity. "Can't do it; haven't got the time," he said six years ago when friends suggested that he run for congress He repeated that two years later Robert M. Nevin, a Republican, had served several terms. The district had been safely Republican for years. Eugene Harding, who had been there

before, wanted to go back to con He was from Middletown Cox's old home. The bosses of Mont-gomery county, who controlled the machinery of the district, opposed his return. They put up one Frizzell, a member of the Ohio legislature, as the Republican candidate. Harding got spunky and ran independently, with the Republicans of his own

Foxy Mr. Cox was peeping around the corner and watching the Republican row with an interested eye. Incidentally he was tossing a bone now and then into the Republican kennel for the factionists to fight over.

home backing him.

"I am not too busy to run for con gress this year," he coyly suggested to his party brethren, after he had assured himself that the opposition taugling was beyond unraveling. So it came about that he was nominated unanimously in a convention held in Middletown, where he used to chase the elusive item and dissect the dictionary. Cox made a speech of acceptance that was timely and to the point. Then he began the liveliest campaign that the district has ever

Long before the congress then it session adjourned, he was flitting about Washington, renewing old ac quaintances and making new onesgetting a line on committeeships studying legislation and preparing to make good. And before the extra session was two weeks old he was industriously punching tradition in the ribs by making a tariff speech,

Cox as a Sprinter.

When he ran for re-election in 1910 he broke all Ohio records. He car ried every county in his districtnormally Republican-by unprece dented majorities. As is well known the Dayton Soldiers' home, one of the largest institutions of the kind in the country, is located in the Third dis-It had always gone Republican. But during his first term in congress, Cox paid devoted attention to the soldiers. He didn't ask them for their votes he merely made himself their representative in fact as well as in name. He investigated all their complaints and all their claims promptly and justly. They went to him as an attorney. And no man with a just claim or a just grievance ever went in vain.

Wherefore-marvel of marvelswhen the votes were counted on election night it was discovered that James M. Cox, Democrat, had carried the Soldiers' home by an overwhelming majority. It was the first time in the history of America that such a thing had occurred.

By which token it happens right now that James M. Cox has few op-He is the biggest political quantity in his district, in the southern part of Ohio and-some say-in the whole blooming state.

Mr. Cox is a likeable man. He is dignified without being repellant; he ts humanly approachable; he is busineedike without being technical; he s progressive without being cranky; he is a man of sufficient wealth to be thoroughly appreciative of the necessity for sane regulation of business interest; and has been poor enough in his time to know the rights of the under dog, to-

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ZUCK Mrs. Carrie Carpenter and son are

spending the week with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ryan of Bladensburg. Mr. Noel Beal is ill of measles.

Mr. Wm. H. Fry, who has been seriously ill of pneumonia, is convales-Mr. Oliver Farmer's school will close

at Brush Run, April 18. Mr. Farmer has been a faithful and successful teacher and we would be glad to have him next year. M"s. Silas McKee of near New Cas-

tle, is rapidly growing worse and her death is expected any time. The condition of Mr. John Shoemak

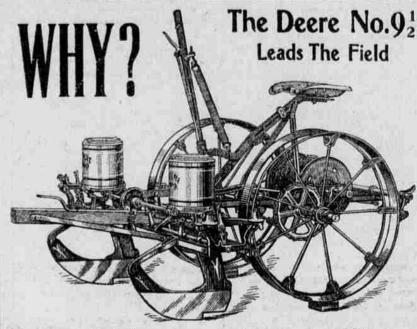
er is unchanged. Mr. Henry Underwood and family

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Beverly Smith, a daughter,

Quite a number of the farmers in this vicinity finished planting oats this week. Commencement at New Castle will

be held April 19. There will be three graduates, Wilfred Philipps, of Knox to join the church would first restore county and Allie Clark and Paschal his loot, it would induce more peo-Coggins of New Castle.

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#### PAINFUL INJURY

Sustained By Mrs. Edward George By **Jumping From A Buggy** Mrs. Edward George, residing

the Sychar road just north east of the city, met with a very painful accident while driving just east of Mt. Vernon Sunday about noon. When about one half mile from town on the Coshocton road the horse which she was driving suddenly frightened and without apparent cause kicked backward, became tangled in the harness and broke one of the shafts. Mrs. George was frightened and jumped from the buggy but caught her left ankle in the spokes of the wheel and sprained it badly. It was thought for a time that the bones in the ankle were broken, but a physician's examination showed that it was only a severe sprain. The horse did not run away.

\*\*\*Knox County Pomona Grange will meet at Y. M. C. A. Saturday, will move to the Douglas Morningstar April 20th, promptly at one o'clock, sun time. Let every subordinate grange be well represented, as the annual election of officers takes place. Elder C. A. Smith of Academia entered the Mt. Vernon Medical and Surgical Sanitarium Tuesday morning for treatment.

If the reformed burglar who wishes ple to believe in his reformation than praying two hours and thirty-five minutes in the gospel meeting,

### **Public Sale**

Two horses, two cows. one sow, about 75 chickens, buggy, farm wagon, double set of work harness, corn, oats, and wheat in bin, household goods and other articles too numerous to mention.

> Thursday, April 25, 10 a. m.

We will also offer farm for sale on same date.

Angeline Rockwell C. O. Mercer, auctioneer

WAS BOUND OVER

(Mansfield News) Charles Chamberlain who was ar rested at Fredericktown was arraigned before Justice Schaeffer to answer to the charge of abandoning his two minor children. He waived the reading of the affidavit, pleaded not guilty and was bound over to court in the sum of \$100. He gave bond and promised to pay \$10 a month toward the support of the children.